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THE KOBE HIGH SCHOOL.
(Under English Management and Rules.)
ESTABLISHED, 1894.

Principals: (Mrs. ROWE, Miss DOWD.)
Assisted by an efficient staff of Teachers holding certificates from Cambridge, Kensington, Trinity College, and International College of Music, London; 1st Class Exhibition Medals for Painting in Oils and Watercolours and Needlework.
Kobe has been chosen for the establishment of our "High School for European Children" on account of its healthy invigorating atmosphere, and its peculiar suitability of climate for delicate children.
1st September, 1896.

WING YUEN & Co.,
DEALERS IN
PLUMBAGO, MICA,
AND
ASBESTOS.
KIM WING,
General Manager,
No. 30, Praya Central.
Hongkong, May 18, 1896. 1029

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.

BEECHAM'S PILLS
are universally admitted to be
WORTH A GUINEA A BOX.
FOR BILIOUS AND NERVOUS
DISORDERS.
Sick Headache, Loss of Appetite,
Scurvy and Blotches on the Skin,
Disturbed Sleep, &c.
For details of all cases they are invaluable.
The 144 boxes contain 50 Pills.
Price, 60 Cents a Box.
Prepared only by the Proprietor,
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Sole Agents for Hongkong and China—
WATKINS & Co., 60, Queen's Road.

Rowland's Macassar Oil
Is the best preserver and beautifier of the hair of children and adults; prevents it falling out or turning grey, eradicates dandruff, and is the best of all hair oils; it is a valuable remedy for general use; it is sold in a golden colour for fair-haired ladies and children; it contains no lead or mineral ingredients, and as it has a most delicate perfume, it is the most luxurious dressing for the hair.
Bottles, 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., 6d.

ROWLANDS' KALYDOR.
A soothing, healing and excellent milk for the face and hands, and is most cooling and refreshing to the skin in hot climates; it removes freckles, tan, sunburn, roughness and redness of the skin, pimples, eruptions and itching, and keeps the skin cool, moist and healthy; it is sold in a golden colour for fair-haired ladies and children; it contains no lead or mineral ingredients, and as it has a most delicate perfume, it is the most luxurious dressing for the hair.
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Is a pure, fragrant non-gritty tooth powder, and warranted free from acids or other ingredients which destroy the enamel; it whitens the teeth, prevents and arrests decay, strengthens the gums, and gives a pleasing fragrance to the breath. Sold by Druggists and Chemists.
IMPORTANT CAUTION.—Do not be misled by cheap imitations of Rowland's Macassar Oil, Kalydor and Ointment, 20, Ball's Court, London, and see that all each article bears their signature in red ink; all other articles are worthless and poisonous imitations; 100 years prove that Rowland's are the best and only genuine.

Insurance.

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).
CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS, £2,700,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £260,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Society in Hongkong, is prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING,
Prize Capital.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Total Funds at 31st December, 1895, £14,433,131.
Authorized Capital, £3,000,000.
Subscribed Capital, £2,700,000.
Paid-up Capital, £2,350,000.
Fire Funds, £2,601,016.2.9.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1475

Shipping.

Steamers.

RIKMER'S REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, HAMBURG AND BREMEN.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Elizabeth Rikmer*, will be despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 6th October.

For Freight, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1896. 1928

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Tolosa*, will be despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 2nd October.

For Freight, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 18, 1896. 1901

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Indra*, will be despatched for the above

Port TO-MORROW, the 27th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 26, 1896. 1941

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Calling at MANILA.)

The Co.'s Steamship, *Patricius*, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1896. 1905

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship, *Zephyr*, will be despatched for the above

Port on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 25, 1896. 1938

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Latona*, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1896. 1788

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship, *Lightning*, will be despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1896. 1912

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Mennon*, will be despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1896. 1932

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Kwangyang*, will be despatched as above on

TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1896. 1848

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA & KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Changsha*, will be despatched as above on

WEDNESDAY, the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 22, 1896. 1914

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Tainan*, will be despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 1st October, at 4 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerator Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A fully-qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1896. 1938

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Whampoa*, will be despatched as above on

THURSDAY, the 1st October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1896. 1850

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Neos*, will be despatched as above on

SATURDAY, the 2nd October.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 18, 1896. 1891

Shipping.

Steamers.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

The Co.'s Steamship, *Ningpo*, will be despatched as above on or about the 7th October.

To be followed promptly by the Steamship *Pinguey*.

For Freight, etc., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1896. 1915

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship, *Albatros*, will be despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 23, 1896. 1932

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1896. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Albatross, Thursday, 10th Oct.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

The Steamship, *Albatross*, will be despatched hence on

THURSDAY, the 10th October, for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 15th October.

Consular Licenses of Goods for United States Ports must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 25, 1896. 1949

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE. (Under Mail Contract.)

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship, *Yamashiro Maru*, will be despatched for the above

Ports on SATURDAY, the 17th October, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1896. 1934

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The S/S A.I. American Ship, *Swind Mark*, will be despatched for the above

Port on TUESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, August 23, 1896. 1741

FOR NEW YORK.

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Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

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HONGKONG TO LONDON, \$400.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctors and Strangers carried.

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HONGKONG TO TACOMA, \$225.

Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Service.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Victoria, 3.167 Thursday, Oct. 1.

Olympia, 2.603 Friday, Oct. 2.

Columbia, 2.603 Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Tacoma, 2.649 Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Victoria, 3.167 Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Olympia, 2.608 Tuesday, Dec. 23.

THE Steamship *VICTORIA*, Captain A. G. Govt, sailing on

THURSDAY, the 1st October, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

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TRY IT! TRY IT! TRY IT!

A GRAND AND NOBLE MALT TONIC IS

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Acting Manager.

SEATTLE BREWING & MALTING CO.,

HONGKONG BRANCH,

ICE HOUSE LANE.

[1867]

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusion of late arrivals and departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.
 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. & O. Co's Office.
 5. From P. & O. Co's Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- Section.
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
 9. From East Point to North Point.
 10. From North Point to Kowloon Wharves.
 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.							
Activ	Do.	str.	310	June 18	A. R. Marly	K'loon Dock	
Africa	Do.	str.	2554	June 27	Doddwell, Carill & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Avery	Do.	str.	1030	Sept. 15	Butterfield & Swire	Quarry Bay	
Britannia	Niles	Norw.	1807	Sept. 4	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quarry Bay	
China	Do.	str.	1113	Sept. 21	Shewan & Co.	Quarry Bay	
Coptic	Do.	str.	274	Sept. 22	O. & S. S. Co.	San Francisco	30th inst.
Deception	Do.	str.	1847	Sept. 22	Butterfield & Swire	K'loon Dock	
Empress of Japan	Do.	str.	1870	Sept. 14	P. & R. Co.	K'loon Dock	
Federated	Do.	str.	1870	Sept. 22	Law, Wagoner & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Freiburg	Do.	str.	1805	Sept. 15	Meisters & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Fushun	Do.	str.	1804	Sept. 24	O. M. S. N. Co.	K'loon Dock	
Gaelic	Do.	str.	2890	Sept. 24	O. & S. S. Co.	K'loon Dock	
Hailong	Do.	str.	748	Sept. 25	Douglas Steamship Co.	K'loon Dock	
Helene Richmers	Do.	str.	6191	Sept. 25	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Hongkong	Do.	str.	738	Sept. 25	A. R. Marly	K'loon Dock	
Holmboe	Do.	str.	2009	Sept. 15	Meisters & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Kwaiyang	Do.	str.	1064	Sept. 24	Butterfield & Swire	K'loon Dock	
Kwongshing	Do.	str.	987	Sept. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Lightning	Do.	str.	2124	Sept. 21	David, Sassoon & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Mexico	Do.	str.	1839	Sept. 23	O. M. S. N. Co.	K'loon Dock	
Menton	Do.	str.	825	Sept. 23	Butterfield & Swire	K'loon Dock	
Ningbo	Do.	str.	710	Sept. 23	Chingee	K'loon Dock	
Opeck	Do.	str.	2517	Sept. 24	Hooley, Wise & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Oroon	Do.	str.	1321	Sept. 24	Doddwell, Carill & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Radley	Do.	str.	1393	Sept. 23	Meisters & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Sabine Richmers	Do.	str.	588	Sept. 9	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Strathclyde	Do.	str.	1534	Sept. 18	Chingee	K'loon Dock	
Shan	Do.	str.	945	Sept. 23	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Tataros	Do.	str.	1812	Sept. 23	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Triton	Do.	str.	185	Sept. 20	Bredley & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Triumph	Do.	str.	974	Sept. 23	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Victoria	Do.	str.	1992	Sept. 14	Doddwell, Carill & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Yuenyang	Do.	str.	1146	Sept. 24	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Zetro	Do.	str.	678	Sept. 24	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Sailing Vessels.							
Belle of Bath	Do.	str.	1047	Sept. 9	Captain	K'loon Dock	
Osabianha	Do.	str.	588	Sept. 8	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Old Macfarlane	Do.	str.	1448	Sept. 10	Naval Yard	K'loon Dock	
U. S. M. S. S. S. S.	Do.	str.	1918	Sept. 10	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Old Calcutta	Do.	str.	468	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Helen Bessie	Do.	str.	1518	Sept. 10	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	K'loon Dock	
John Bailey	Do.	str.	1481	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Josephine	Do.	str.	1348	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Leicester	Do.	str.	1890	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Northampton	Do.	str.	1890	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Orion	Do.	str.	481	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Paros	Do.	str.	1408	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Rattray	Do.	str.	78	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
Savannah	Do.	str.	1211	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
S. M. S. S. S. S.	Do.	str.	1788	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
S. M. S. S. S. S.	Do.	str.	1035	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
S. M. S. S. S. S.	Do.	str.	1993	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
S. M. S. S. S. S.	Do.	str.	1442	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
S. M. S. S. S. S.	Do.	str.	1306	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	
S. M. S. S. S. S.	Do.	str.	1084	Sept. 10	Shewan & Co.	K'loon Dock	

Intimations.

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha,
No. 8, Queen's Road, Central.

HEAD OFFICE: TOKYO.
BRANCH OFFICE: LONDON, NEW YORK,
BOMBAY, SINGAPORE, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN,
NEWCHOWANG and all Ports in JAPAN.

AGENTS:—
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.,
OSAKA COAL MINES,
KANADA COAL MINES,
TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
MITSUI FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.,
IMPERIAL GOVT. PAPER MILLS, Japan,
COTTON CLEANING & WASHING CO., S'hai.
OSAKA CEMENT CO., LTD.,
KINKEIYU COTTON SPINNING MILLS,
TOKYO COTTON SPINNING MILLS,
HAYASHI CLOTH FACTORY,
Hongkong, July 6, 1896.

Thousands of testimonials from the excellence of ARBER'S CELEBRATED "HARDEN" RAZOR, with fully warranted interchangeable blades, which never require grinding. All who use them speak with unqualified enthusiasm of their capacity and even those with the strongest beards and most tender skins are unanimous in saying that with such a remarkably easy and perfectly luxurious shave as with Arber's, they are content to leave their razors at home.

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CAUTION!
Messrs. J. & E. ATKINSON warn their customers against the Artificial Chemical Perfumes at present so extensively offered. Though strong they are nasty, and from a hygienic point of view their use is to be strongly deprecated.

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FROM FOREIGN LANDS TO
Chicago, U. S. A.

But to matter where you live, we are anxious to do business with you in Clothing, Shoes, Dry Goods, Watches, Jewelry, Sewing Machines, Harness, Saddles, Hardware, Tools, Guns, Firearms, Ammunition, Bicycles, Agricultural Implements, Vehicles of all kinds, Furniture, Books and every article. We handle only dependable goods—no fraud.

THE ANCESTRY OF THE CAT.
The present state of knowledge on the vexed question of the origin of the domestic cat is thus summarized in an article entitled "Concerning the Cat," in *Our Animal Friends*.—
"It is impossible to trace the origin of the domestic cat with certainty to any existing species or variety of the wild cat. Indeed, the time at which the cat was first domesticated and introduced to human society is purely a matter of conjecture. Professor Shaler expresses the opinion that the domestication of the cat must have been much later than that of the dog, while other naturalists give reasons for believing to the contrary. We ourselves incline to agree with Professor Shaler, and for this reason: that dogs were probably first domesticated in order to assist in hunting, and this probably in what is called the hunting age of human society; whereas the cat has nowhere been generally used as a hunting animal. The dog is essentially gregarious; he loves to hunt in packs, and when introduced to a human family he regards the family as his pack and hunts accordingly, so that he is easily made servicable by the human hunter. The cat, on the contrary, is unsocial; it lives alone, hunts alone, and feeds alone, so that it could not be expected to be easily trained to hunt either with man or for him. In fact, the only member of the cat family that is known to have been trained to hunt is the cheetah, the ancient Egyptian painting, which may be seen in the British Museum, represents a cat which is apparently assisting a hunter to catch birds. This, however, even if the picture is to be taken as evidence of a fact, represents a very rare exception to a universal rule, and therefore would not justify the inference that men in the hunting age adopted cats to aid them in the chase.

"There is another reason for thinking that the cat must have been adopted by man after the hunting age; namely, the cat's wonderful attachment to locality. Animals like the wolf, with which the dog is most closely allied, follow their prey over vast tracts of country and seem to be entirely destitute of local attachment. The wild cat, on the contrary, settles down in a particular spot and waits for its prey to come. When removed from its accustomed habitat it seems to lose its skill, and therefore would be useless to men in a hunting age, because in that age men seldom had fixed habitations, but roamed abroad wherever game was to be found. Of course, much of this is conjecture. Whether the cat or the dog was first adopted by men can not now be certainly known, but the cat was well known as a domestic animal at an early period of human history."

ROUTING YOUNG AUTHORS.
A HEALTHY REACTION IN AMERICA.
Charles Dudley Warner pleads for more severity of literary criticism in America. He not only thinks, with Gladstone, that verse-writers should be discouraged, but he would extend the discouragement to the writers of all other kinds of literature. American writers can no longer be judged by a provincial standard and praised as good for Americans. They must be measured by cosmopolitan standards and relentlessly slaughtered if they do not stand the test. He writes as follows in "The Editor's Study" of *Harpers' (August)*.
"We have a great deal of neglected and cruelly discouraged genius. It is not altogether an ideal world for justice or for the appreciation of new departures. We can all recall the names of important makers of literature who never came to their own until it was too late to bring them either fortune or enjoyment. But I believe that for one writer who has been denied a career by want of public appreciation, ten have been ruined by foolish encouragement and indiscriminate praise. The literary history of the last twenty-five years illustrates this. Scores have been ruined by too quick success. They have literally gone up like rockets and come down like sticks. Over-praise has made them vain, self-conscious, and unfitted them for the labor that is needed to make them accomplished writers. They lack knowledge, discipline, high purpose. They take themselves seriously, but not their art. A brilliant knack counts for only a moment's success with a writer who has a slim cultivation and little experience of life. And the public is often at fault for the failure. The writer who is in the best of the crisis, and has a kind heart, or a false idea of the way to train writers, is equally responsible. No sooner does an article or a book appear that strikes the faintest note, than a new flavor or sensation, especially if it is daring and what is called 'strong' meaning, generally, impudent, than there bursts forth an epidemic of laudation. A new genius has arisen. All notion of the value of the work, relative to the accepted good literature of the world, is ignored. The writer is proclaimed in the newspapers, taken up by the coteries, run after, flattered, dined by publishers and clubs, interviewed, his movements chronicled, his opinions asked on all subjects, inquiries made as to his habits of writing, how he obtained his style, what books have influenced him, and his personal becomes as common as that of General Grant or Queen Victoria. If the writer is a woman or a young girl, all the adjectives fail, and the increased wonder that a woman is capable of such an extraordinary performance is taken as a new compliment to woman. After a year or two the open-air musician, and the writer who has been deceived by his easy success, and not been made humble and incited to laborious days and nights to win a real distinction, complains bitterly of the fickleness of the public favor."

"Is there any help for this state of things? In France another method is pursued. If a writer exhibits any talent or originality, the criticism is not that they fail upon their faults, his cleverness, his ignorance, his want of form, without mercy. They out him, and kick him, and knock him down, and in time, under this discriminating discipline, if he has any stuff in him, he becomes a writer. The French authors write about and criticize each other in a manner that would astonish an English or American public. With them art stands first, personality second. French critics have not been afraid of hurting feelings, and because they have a literary standard."

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